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SUBJECT: CHINESE JOURNALIST DELEGATIO N
JIES MILITARY
AID TO AFGHAN REFUGEES

1. THE LEADER OF A CHINESE BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION JOURNALISTS DELEGATION VISITING PAKISTAN HAS DENIED WHAT HE CALLED "RUMORS" THAT PAKISTAN AND CHINA ARE PROVIDING MILITARY TRAINING OR ASSISTANCE TO THE AFGHAN REFUGEES. ACCORDING TO THE NOVEMBER 2 "PAKISTAN TIMES," YANG ZHENGCHUAN TOLD A NOVEMBER 1 DINNER AUDIENCE THAT THE CHINESE DELEGATION SAW NO EVIDENCE THAT PAKISTAN IS PROVIDING MILITARY TRAINING OR ASSISTANCE DURING ITS VISIT TO REFUGEE CAMPS IN BALUCHISTAN AND THE NORTH-WEST FRONTIER PROVINCE. RUMORS TO THE CONTRARY THAT PAKISTAN AND CHINA
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WERE PROVIDING MILITARY AID HAD, HE SAID, "NO BASIS WHATSOEVER

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MEND PAKISTAN'S HUMANITARIAN AID TO THE REFUGEES.

2. THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE GOP'S MINISTRY OF INFORMA-
TION'S EXTERNAL PUBLICITY WING, IQBAL BUTT, TOOK A
SIMILAR LINE IN WELCOMING THE CHINESE DELEGATION. BUTT
REPORTEDLY LABELLED ALLEGATIONS THAT PAKISTAN AND CHINA
ARE PROVIDING THE REFUGEES WITH MILITARY TRAINING AND
EQUIPMENT "UTTERLY FALSE." THE DELEGATION ALSO MET WITH
PRESIDENT ZIA UL-HAQ(WHO GRANTED AN INTERVIEW FOR USE ON
CHINESE RADIO AND TELEVISION)AND THE GOVERNORS OF
BALUCHISTAN AND THE NWFP DURING THEIR STAY.

3. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. HUMMEL

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